

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1045

PRINTER NO. 1550

AMOUNT

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FUND

General Fund
Local Funds

DATE INTRODUCED

February 20, 2020

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Argall

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1045 amends the Recorder of Deeds Fee Law to eliminate a sunset within the law. Specifically, this bill removes the 10-year sunset in Section 2.2, which allows for the creation of a fee not to exceed \$15 to be charged by a recorder of deeds on each deed and mortgage recorded. Revenue generated from the fee is to be used for the demolition of blighted property within the county.

The provision was originally set to expire in 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 1045 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

Current law gives counties the option to impose a fee of not more than \$15 to be used for the demolition of blighted property. Currently, there are 18 counties that have filed the required reports with the Department of Community and Economic Development for the establishment of a fund and the imposition of a fee. Removing the sunset will allow counties to continue to levy the fee for the demolition of blighted property. The chart below lists the total revenue raised to date by counties that have chosen to impose a fee:

County	Total
Armstrong	\$ 155,740
Beaver	\$ 309,060
Blair	\$ 91,461
Butler	\$ 207,210
Cambria	\$ 309,690
Cameron	\$ 11,287
Dauphin	\$ 473,250
Delaware	\$ 1,303,710
Erie	\$ 392,075

County	Total
Fayette	\$ 203,385
Lawrence	\$ 223,179
Mifflin	\$ 81,219
Monroe	\$ 425,417
Northumberland	\$ 158,185
Somerset	\$ 71,895
Venango	\$ 50,309
Westmoreland	\$ 648,795
York	\$ 405,315